

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the instant Office Action, claims 1, 3-4, 9-10, 31-33 and 41 were allowed. Claims 12, 15-16, 19-19, 22-25, 34-40 and 42-44 were objected to on various grounds; those claims are cancelled herein without prejudice and purely for expedience of prosecution of this case. Applicant reserves the right to pursue such subject matter in a continuing application. The claims objections are traversed as lacking basis in fact and law.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for favourable consideration of all the claims, and prompt allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted

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